

Flowers & Foliage Plants, 1999

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The 1999 wholesale value of sales by commercial flower and foliage producers in Pennsylvania totaled \$158.2 million, up 18.3 million from 1998. Pennsylvania ranked seventh nationally in wholesale sales of floriculture crops.

The wholesale value of cut flowers sold in 1999 totaled \$5.3 million, up \$0.6 million from 1998. The value of sales at wholesale of potted flowering plants was \$40.5 million, up \$1.5 million from 1998. Sales of foliage plants for indoor or patio use were \$3.3 million, down \$45,000 from 1998. Sales of bedding and garden plants in flats, pots and baskets totaled \$84.9 million, up \$14.5 million from 1998.

The total covered growing area for Pennsylvania in 1999 was 23.9 million square feet, down from the revised 25.2 million square feet. The types of covered growing area were: glass greenhouses, 4.2 million square feet; fiberglass and other rigid greenhouses, 2.8 million square feet; film plastic (single/double) greenhouses, 16.4 million square feet; and shade and temporary cover, 503,000 square feet. Growers also used 459 acres of open ground in 1999. There were 781 growers in 1999, compared to 794, revised number of growers in 1998.

The following tables contain data from operations with \$100,000 or more in sales of floriculture crops. Operations with sales of \$100,000 or more accounted for 84.7 percent of total sales.

Pennsylvania: Flowers, Foliage Plants & Bedding Plants -
Producers and Quantity Sold, 1998-1999 with 2000 Intentions

Flowers, Foliage Plants & Bedding Plants	Producers		Total Quantity			
	1998	1999	Sold		Intended 2000	2000 as a % of 1999
			1998	1999		
	<i>Number</i>		<i>(000)</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Potted Flowering Plants						
Orchids	4	5	18	28	32	114
African Violets	14	14	434	433	434	100
Florist Chrysanthemums	84	79	777	773	811	105
Finished Florist Azaleas	36	41	73	84	82	98
Easter Lilies	96	92	768	801	780	97
Poinsettias	179	171	3,905	4,121	4,144	101
Other Flowering Plants	145	131	8,306	7,900	7,473	95
Cyclamens	49	51	115	133	132	99
Kalanchoes	17	21	44	56	60	107
Bedding/Garden Plants (Potted)						
Hardy/Garden Chrysanthemums	148	148	3,284	3,184	3,164	99
Geraniums (Cutting)	201	184	3,977	3,769	3,781	100
Other Flowering and Foliage Type	180	180	8,974	9,848	10,426	106
Potted Vegetable Type	77	94	1,702	1,888	1,919	102
Impatiens	61	63	789	929	969	104
New Guinea Impatiens	165	158	902	841	957	114
Petunias	72	94	544	659	696	106
Foliage for Indoor or Patio Hanging Baskets	50	64	308	376	452	120
Bedding/Garden Plants (Flats)						
Geraniums	53	52	64	61	60	98
Other Flower and Foliage Type	211	196	1,967	2,799	2,982	107
Vegetable Type	155	158	507	429	434	101
Impatiens	198	173	873	858	877	102
New Guinea Impatiens	17	22	15	17	17	100
Petunias	194	177	431	478	489	102
Bedding/Garden Plants (Hanging Baskets)						
Geraniums	149	167	231	289	274	95
Impatiens	128	128	305	310	281	91
New Guinea Impatiens	152	149	201	265	277	105
Petunias	131	150	109	178	198	111
Other Flowering	199	199	1,232	1,332	1,362	102